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For: HAND HELD DEVICE FOR REDUCING THE DISCOMFORT
ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADJUSTING OF ORTHODONTIC
APPLIANCES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Officer Action dated
December 28, 1998, in the above referenced application,
please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

B 9.2. (Amended) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein
said interdental mouthpiece is positioned on the outer surface of
said housing normal to the longest dimension of said housing [when
connected thereto].

3. (Amended) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein
said interdental mouthpiece is positioned on a plane parallel with
the longest dimension of said housing [when connected thereto].

4. (Amended) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein